

Sailing team has good year

The Texas A&M Sailing Team finished this semester's racing season with strong showings in its last two regattas. The Aggies won the A&M Invitational and finished a strong second in the Baylor Invitational.

The Ags won the A&M Invitational by defeating Texas, Baylor and Rice. Each school sends a team of at least four sailors. The racing is done on 420 class sailboats. These are two man boats, so the racing is

split into two different fleets, "A" and "B." Each fleet has a skipper and crew from each school.

In the A&M Regatta, the Aggies' "A" team came in first in its fleet with three first places and one second place. Terry Gough, of Bedford, and Greg Schertz, of Bryan, split the skippering and crewing jobs, with each of them skippering twice.

Kevin Fuller, a skipper, and

Julann Chiles, crew, finished second in "B" fleet with enough points combined with "A" fleet for A&M to win the first place trophy. Texas was second, followed by Rice and Baylor respectively.

In the Baylor Invitational, the Aggies came in second, only four points behind Texas. A&M was followed by Rice, Baylor and Texas Tech.

Low point totals are better. In

scoring sailboat races, the team receives the same number of points as is its finish in each race. First place receives one point, second place two points, etc.

The racing was very close between A&M and Texas. Fuller and Chiles represented A&M again in the "B" fleet. They finished second.

Gough, skippering and Schertz, as crew, finished in a tie for first place in "A" fleet with Texas. Going into its last race, A&M had nine points while Texas had seven points. In order for the Aggies to tie for first in that fleet, they would have had to finish two places better than Texas.

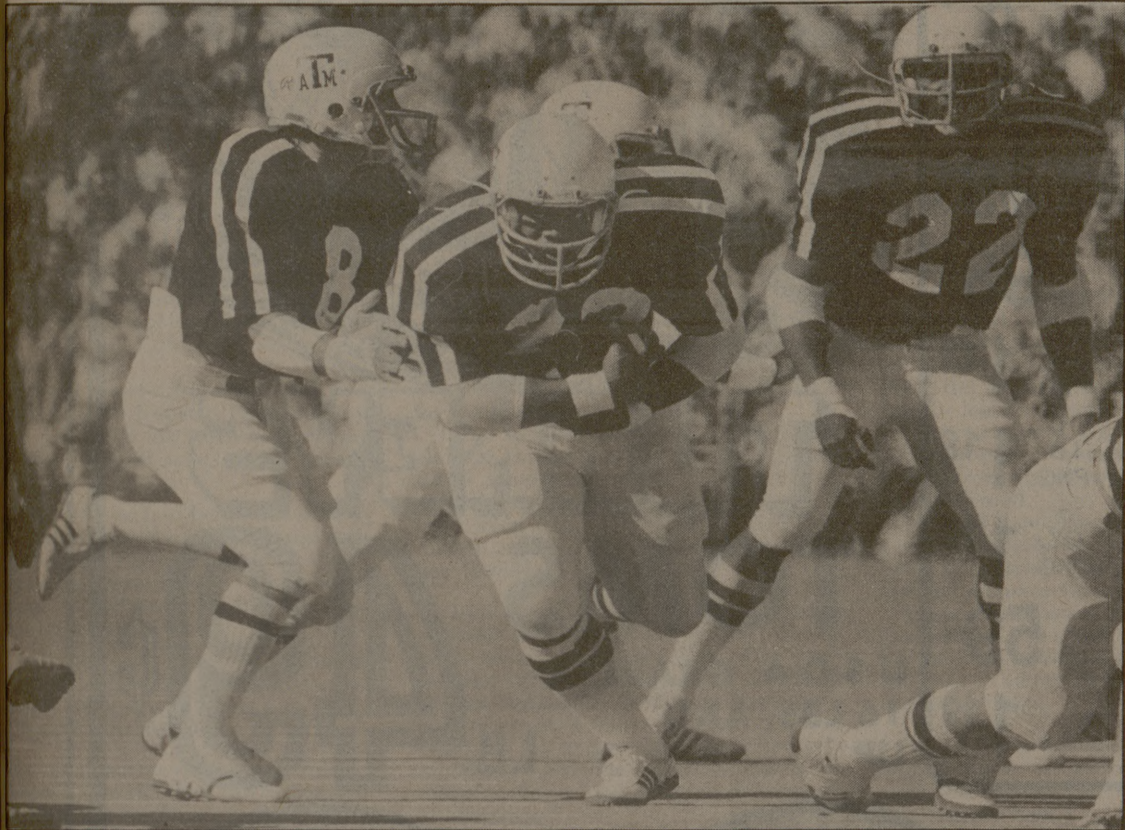
A&M began by legally forcing Texas over the starting line early. Texas had to sail back behind the starting line in order to have a proper start. This put the Texas boat in poor position in the fleet. The Aggies got the best start with Rice very close behind. Gough and Schertz held their slim lead over Rice around the triangle course until the last windward leg.

A forty degree windshift put Rice into the lead by a slight margin. With about thirty yards left in the race, it looked as if Rice could hold on to finish first. The Rice boat was one boat length to windward with A&M two boat lengths ahead.

Both boats were on port tack not quite being able to lay the pin end of the finish line. Both boats would have to tack to starboard to finish. If A&M could complete their tack to starboard fast enough, they would have right of way over Rice.

It looked as if Rice was too close for the Aggies to tack. The Aggie team decided to try it because Rice would surely win if they did not. They tacked and had right of way over Rice, who tacked also, A&M won by one foot, the closest race of the day. Texas came in third, so the Aggies tied for first in the "A" fleet.

A&M finished this semester with the best showings they have had since the 1970-71 season. Schertz, team captain, attributes A&M's success to some very good freshmen, some hard work by a few experienced sailors, and some very good coaching by Randy Davis.



Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley

Coming through

George Woodard (No. 33) takes a hand off from David Walker (No. 8) and runs through a huge hole opened up by the Texas A&M

offensive line. Woodard rushed for 116 yards against the Razorbacks. Arkansas defeated A&M 26-20.

Ag-Horn affair will be shown on closed circuit

The A&M-Texas football game Saturday, November 26, will be shown on closed-circuit TV in G. Rollie White Coliseum on the Texas A&M campus.

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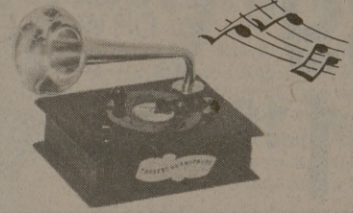
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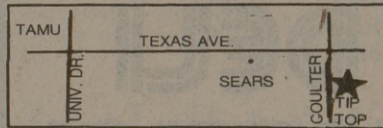
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Living is knowing HIM

I didn't grow up like the average American, in fact, my life has been a rather unusual one. My father worked for an oil company and was transferred a number of times. When I was 12 years old, my family moved to Tripoli, Libya on the coast of North Africa. This move was in 1967, six months before the Six-Day War raged between the Arab nations and Israel. Since Americans were not well loved at the time, we were evacuated in an Air Force cargo plane at the height of the war. We left the country with the assumption that everything we owned would be lost. What seemed like a disaster turned into a most enjoyable summer. We were evacuated to Rome and put up by the American Council in one of the finest hotels in Rome. After living first class for a couple of weeks we moved to a small island in the Mediterranean Sea called Malta. For the rest of the summer we bathed in the sun until the Arab-American relations were restored.

At the end of the summer the political scene had cooled down and we moved back to Tripoli to live quietly and undisturbed for a couple of years. With Libya being so close to Europe I spent many summers with my family traveling, going to Girl Scout camp in Germany and taking school cruises on the Mediterranean Sea.

This leisurely life went on until 1970 when Libya had a military coup and Colonel Kadaffi took control of the

country in a bloodless revolution. We were confined to our homes for about two weeks having no news except what we could glean from the British Broadcasting Corporation and the orders of the Libyan Revolutionary Command Council. We lived on a tight-rope for the following year until we returned to the States.

After a few years in the States I went to college with the philosophy "to live is to experience." I didn't want to talk about doing things, I wanted to do them. During my first two years at college I did a lot of "living": worked one summer building houses, worked the next summer in Germany, made a 4.0 one semester, had a wonderful boyfriend among many other things. Eventually, the thrill of whatever I did lasted only a short span and led me to press on in search of some kind of fulfilling experience.

While in this state I could not help but be aware that my roommates in the dormitories seemed to have what I lacked. Although both of them had never done or traveled much, they had some kind of inward satisfaction that I was trying to obtain. Neither said much to me regarding their faith in the Lord Jesus but seeing them read their Bibles implanted a question in me to wonder if God was more than a Sunday morning religion.

This little question inside me became a big issue when a close friend came back to school after the winter holidays claiming that Jesus had come to live

inside of him and had filled his emptiness. Tom was such a different person that our whole group of friends were utterly shocked. We had never seen anything like this before. Not long afterwards my boyfriend listened to Tom's words and opened to receive the Lord Jesus. This made me see that Jesus was something more than a childhood story. Watching their lives change so wonderfully I didn't want to be left out, so I too asked the Lord Jesus to come into my life. I simply told the Lord I would give Him a chance to prove Himself in my life and He took it! After I received the Lord it didn't seem like anything happened but something was different in me. By the end of the first week I had no doubt that God was really living and best of all, He was living in me! Tom, my boyfriend and I were so excited that we had found the living God, we told all of our friends. Although many didn't listen, being stunned and offended by both our inward and outward changes, our experience of the Lord was too real to refrain speaking of.

It was three years ago when the Lord Jesus was just a seed sown into me and today He is more real to me than when I first met Him. That first experience I had was wonderful but now I experience Him in a daily and more wonderful way than ever dreamed of before.

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